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FOR ASST. SEC. LEWIS FROM AMBASSADOR JORDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PANAMA AT COLOMBO NACC

REFS: (Q) STATE 177814 (B) JORDEN-LEWIS TELECON

1. MY THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE. (REF. A). I HEARTILY CONCUR THAT IT WILL BE IN OUR AND PANAMA'S BEST INTEREST IF THE CANAL ISSUE IS NOT OVERLY DRAMATIZED AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO. AS I SAID IN OUR TELECON(REF. B), I BELIEVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN PARA. 4 OF REFTEL ARE GOOD ONES AND WILL HAVE A USEFUL EFFECT IN DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM. VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA ALL HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE WITH TORRIJOS AND HE WILL TAKE SERIOUSLY ANY ADVICE FROM THEM URGING RESTRAINT AT COLOMBO. SIMILARLY BILL ROGERS IS HIGHLY REGARDED HERE AND HIS VOICE WILL CARRY MUCH WEIGHT. LET ME KNOW WHAT ACTION IS TAKEN ON THIS FRONT SO THAT I CAN FOLLOW UP AS APPROPRIATE.

2. HOWEVER, AS I SAID, I AM NOT SANGUINE THAT OUR BEST EFFORTS WILL HAVE THE FULL EFFECT WE DESIRE. TORRIJOS IS A VOLATILE PERSONAGE AND HE MAY WELL GET SWEEPED UP IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF COLOMBO WHERE HE CAN OBVIOUSLY EXPECT FULLEST SUPPORT FOR PANAMA'S POSITION ON THE CANAL ISSUE. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO LET HIM KNOW THAT IF THAT SUPPORT TAKES A STRONGLY ANTI-U.S. TONE IT WILL DO DAMAGE TO HIS CAUSE IN OUR COUNTRY. I WILL REMIND
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HIM ONCE AGAIN THAT THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD CANNOT GIVE PANAMA A

NEW TREATY. ONLY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS CAN DO THAT.

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